

**REMARKS**

Entry of the foregoing and an early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

As set forth above, claims 1-12 have been amended in a manner that does not narrow the scope thereof. The above-described changes are relative to the claims as published in PCT/WO2004/063659. Thus, upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-12 are pending and await consideration on the merits.

Support for the foregoing claim amendments can be found at least at the following locations in the original disclosure: the original claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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